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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 3, 2010, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 3, 2010, the period for response having been extended to expire on July 5, 2010 (July 3, 2010 falling on a Saturday) by the concurrent submission of a request for (two-month) Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections, and an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.